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Management of contingent-owned equipment arrangements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, 50/222 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 E of 17 June 1997, 54/19 A of 29 October 1999 and 54/19 B of 15 June 2000, 55/238 of 23 December 2000, 55/271, paragraph 12, of 14 June 2001, 55/274 of 14 June 2001 and 56/241 of 24 December 2001,

Recalling also its decision 55/452 of 23 December 2000 to convene the post-Phase V Working Group,

Recalling further its resolution 55/274 of 14 June 2001, by which the Secretary-General was requested to convene in 2004 an open-ended working group of experts, for a period of no less than ten working days, to hold a triennial review of reimbursement rates for contingent-owned equipment and self-sustainment, including medical services,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General,[1] on the processing of claims for equipment contributed and self-sustainment undertaken at peacekeeping missions, on the reform of the procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States for contingent-owned equipment and troop costs, on the practical aspects of wet-lease, dry-lease and self-sustainment arrangements and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] on management of contingent-owned equipment arrangements,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Takes note* of the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the management of

[1] A/C.5/56/44, A/56/939 and A/57/397.
[2] A/57/772.

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contingent-owned equipment arrangements, as contained in paragraphs 60 through 76 of its report;[2]

3. *Affirms* the importance of conducting peacekeeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and effectiveness and the need to minimize delays in processing reimbursements to troop- and equipment-contributing countries;

4. *Recognizes* the fact that delay and uncertainty in reimbursements to troop-contributing countries of troop and contingent-owned equipment costs adversely affect the ability of current and potential troop-contributing countries to participate effectively in United Nations peacekeeping operations, and in this context emphasizes the need for all Member States to pay their assessed contributions to all peacekeeping operations in full, on time and without conditions;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, taking into account, inter alia, the observations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and based on the experiences gained so far and make suggestions for any modification to the current reporting cycle to the Working Group on Reimbursement of Contingent-owned Equipment at its forthcoming meetings, scheduled for February 2004;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, on the basis of recommendations of the Working Group, on issues that would require legislative action by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

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Status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/292 of 27 June 2002 on the establishment of the strategic deployment stocks,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Decides* to extend the validity period in respect of the resources approved in its resolution 56/292 to 30 June 2004;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 2 of its resolution 56/292 and requests the Secretary-General to include the procurement statistics in future reports;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to submit separate reports on the implementation of the strategic deployment stocks and on the budget and performance of the United Nations Logistics Base to it at its fifty-eighth session.

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[1] A/57/751.

[2] A/57/772/Add.9, paras. 28-35.

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Death and disability benefits

The General Assembly,

Having considered the notes by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits,[1] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the notes by the Secretary-General on death and disability benefits;[1]

2. *Decides* that, in future, information on death and disability benefits be included in the overview of the general report on peacekeeping operations.

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[1] A/C.5/56/41 and A/C.5/57/37.
[2] A/57/772, paras. 137-138.

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Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

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Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[1]

1. *Concurs* with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions concerning the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General contained in paragraph 9 of its report;

2. *Also concurs* with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee concerning the salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme contained in paragraph 9 of its report;

3. *Approves* the amendment to paragraph 1 of annex I to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations with effect from 1 January 2003, as set forth in the annex to the present resolution;

4. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session, with a view to formalizing conditions and procedures related to the salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and the salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme.

[1] A/57/7/Add.25.

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Annex

Amendment to paragraph 1 of annex I to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

In paragraph 1, the last sentence, "With effect from 1 January 1998, the Administrator shall receive a gross salary of US$ 175,344 per annum", should be deleted.

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Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolutions 1258 (1999) of 6 August 1999 and 1279 (1999) of 30 November 1999 regarding respectively, the deployment to the region of military liaison personnel and the establishment of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1417 (2002) of 14 June 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1445 (2002) of 4 December 2002, by which the Council endorsed the new concept of operation and authorized the expansion of the Mission,

Recalling further its resolution 54/260 A of 7 April 2000, as well as subsequent resolutions on the financing of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 56/252 C of 27 June 2002,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

[1] A/57/682, A/57/683 and Add.1 and A/57/723.
[2] A/57/772 and Add.10.

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Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as at 31 March 2003, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 211.9 million United States dollars, representing some 17 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only twenty-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

3. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

4. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

8. *Takes note* of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the status of the airfield services contract for the Mission,[3] and looks forward to the further review of the subject by the Board of Auditors;

9. *Reaffirms* the relevant provisions of its resolutions 55/232 of 23 December 2000 and 55/247 of 12 April 2001;

10. *Also reaffirms* its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and decision 49/478 A of 31 March 1995;

[3] A/57/756.

11. *Notes* the intention of the Secretary-General to submit a proposed revised budget for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, reflecting the developments in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and further decisions of the Security Council, to the General Assembly at the main part of its fifty-eighth session;[4]

12. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[5] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation, with the understanding that the Secretary-General should have adequate resources to address the changing situation on the ground, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with maximum efficiency and economy, particularly with regard to air transport;

14. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002

15. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from July 2001 to 30 June 2002;[6]

16. *Decides* to offset the amount of 41 million dollars, which had been appropriated but not apportioned during the financial period ended 30 June 2001 against the unencumbered balance of 61,173,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004

17. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo the amount of _____ dollars for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, inclusive of 582 million dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, _____ dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and _____ dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base, pending the submission of the proposed revised budget to the General Assembly;

Financing of the appropriation

18. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of _____ dollars at a monthly rate of _____ dollars, in accordance with the levels set out in General Assembly resolutions 55/235, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000, and 57/290 of 20 December 2002, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2003, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B of 23 December 2000 and 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, and for the year 2004,[7] subject to the decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the

[4] See A/C.5/57/SR.52.
[5] A/57/772/Add.10.
[6] A/57/682.
[7] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

Mission, pending the submission of the proposed revised budget to the General Assembly;

19. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of _____ dollars at a monthly rate of _____ dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,710,736 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account, and the prorated share of _____ dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

20. *Decides* that for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 18 above, their respective share of the remaining unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 43,158,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236, and resolution 57/290 and taking into account the scale of assessments for the year 2002, as set out in its resolutions 55/5 B and 57/4 B;

21. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their share of the remaining unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 43,158,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 20 above;

22. *Further decides* that the decrease of 448,600 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2002 shall be set off against the credits from the amount referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 above;

23. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

24. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

25. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

26. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo".

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Peacekeeping Reserve Fund

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolutions 47/217 of 23 December 1992 on the establishment of the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund, 49/233 A of 23 December 1994 and 51/218 E of 17 June 1997,

Recalling also its resolution 57/290 of 20 December 2002 on the inclusion of Switzerland and Timor-Leste in the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

1. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund as at 31 December 2002;[3]

2. *Endorses* the recommendation contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure its full implementation;

[1] A/57/798.
[2] A/57/772 (para. 17) and see *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee*, 52nd meeting (A/C.5/57/SR.52).
[3] ST/ADM/SER.B/600.
[4] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-seventh Session, Fifth Committee*, 52nd meeting (A/C.5/57/SR.52).

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3. *Decides* to apply the amount of 33,250,000 United States dollars, representing the amount in excess of the authorized level of 150 million dollars for the Peacekeeping Reserve Fund, to the requirements of the support account for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, consequent upon the full establishment of the strategic deployment stocks and the pre-mandate commitment authority, to review the level of the Fund and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the second part of its fifty-eighth session.

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Write-off of contingent-owned equipment at liquidated missions

The General Assembly,

Having considered the note by the Secretary-General on the write-off of contingent-owned equipment at liquidated missions[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Concurs with the request of the Secretariat, as contained in paragraph 4 of its note.[1]

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[1] A/57/788.
[2] A/57/772 (paras. 60, 74 and 75).

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